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Remote delivery of multimedia content from consumer electronics devices

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Abstract

A remote playback system provides play or other type of controlled delivery of an information signal available from a first device in response to one or more commands received from a second device, in situations in which the second device is in a location remote from the first device. A network connection is established between the second device and a server coupled to, incorporated in or otherwise associated with the first device. The server receives control commands from the second device, and delivers the information signal over the network connection from the first device to the second device in response to the commands. The information signal may be, e.g., audio, video or other multimedia content. The first device may be, e.g., a television, video recorder, audio system, computer or other multimedia device in a home environment of a particular user, and the second device may be, e.g., a wireless device operated outside of the home environment. The invention thus allows a given user to direct the delivery of multimedia content available on that user's home devices to other devices outside the home.

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